(b) There is no proposal to increase allotment of levy sugar to any State or Union Teritory.

(c) and (d) Central Government makes bulk allocation of rice, wheat, levy sugar, imported edible oil, superior kerosene oil and soft coke to State Governments/UT Administrations or distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS). Decisions regarding quantities to be allocated to Districts, Blocks and other administrative units within a State or UT are taken by the concerned State Government/UT Administration. Whenever the State Governments/UT Administrations indicate additional requirements, the Central Government takes such requirements into account before deciding the allocation of PDS commodities to the States/UTs.

Rise in prices of essential commodities after Budget

748. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) which are the essential commodities whose prices have increased after the recent Budget and due to administered prices; and

(b) the comparative statistics of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) A statement showing the percentage variations in the Wholesale Price Indices of selected essential commodities during the post-Budget period and during 1993-94, 1992-93 and 1991-92 is given in the Statement. (*See* below) It may be mentioned that it is not possible to attribute the increase in the prices of essential commodities to the measures contained in the Union Budget and to administered prices. The prices of commodities are affected by several factors such as production, demand and supply, prices of substitutes, export and import and seasonal factors.

Statement

Percentage Variation in the Wholesale Price Indices of selected Essential Commodities and Administered items during the post budget period and during **1993-94, 1992-93** *and* **1991-92**

Commodities	Percentage variation			
	Post Budget period 9-7-94	Variation during the year		
	26-2-94	1993-94	1992-93	1991-92
Essential Commodities				
Rice	+2.7	+12.7	−0.2	+30.7
Wheat	−7.1	+18.5	+2.7	+12.3
Jowar	+11.1	−2.9	−20.0	+65.5
Bajra	+0.8	+50.2	−33.5	+74.9

1	2	3	4	5
Gram	14.4	+42.3	+23.9	—0.9
Arhar	—3.7	+10.8	—4.2	+16.3
Moong	+1.0	+27.3	—0.8	+25.9
Masur	+19.2	+17.4	5.1	—5.6
Urad	+22.1	+36.6	—15.2	+5.2
Potatoes	+27.2	+17.3	0.7	+8.5
Onions	—20.9	—2.6	+143.6	52.0
Tea	5.2	—32.5	+30.8	+0.4
Sugar	+6.4	+18.2	+13.9	+18.9
Gur	+24.2	+23.6	+47.4	—6.9
Milk	+6.4	+3.5	+9.6	+13.7
Fish	+34.8	+28.4	+30.5	+19.8
Mutton	+14.4	+13.3	+12.4	+7.0
Chillies (dry)	+23.4	+8.1	43.8	+92.4
Soft Coke	+4.8	+4.8	+14.9	+26.1
Kerosene	Steady	Steady	Steady	—9.1
Salt	0.3	+2.1	+5.2	+25.0
Atta	3.1	+10.6	+3.3	+23.4
Vanaspati	+8.1	+1.4	—17.5	+1.6
Mustard Oil	+6.4	+11.3	17.2	+6.9
Groundnut Oil	+16.6	+22.8	22.9	2.1
Coconut Oil	2.6	—22.4	Steady	+28.1
Cotton Cloth (mills)	+12.1	+17.3	+4.3	+17.5
Administered items				
Petroleum crude & Natural Gas	+3.5	+9.9	—1.9	+1.9
Coal Mining	+5.2	+4.6	+12.7	+27.4
Petroleum Products	—9.6	+6.7	+18.8	+9.2
Electricity	+1.2	+30.7	+9.8	+13.7
Urea (N-Content)	+21.4	Steady	1.6	+30.0